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GOD CHURCH



Flood waters at Klamath, California

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The recent Music Seminar at B. B. C. was judged to be an outstanding success. The Seminar was sponsored by the Music Department of the College and was under the direction of Forrest M. Beiser. The featured speaker was James Boersma, staff arranger for the Rodeheaver Music Company of Los Angeles. In the photo above are pictured (left to right): Dave Peters of Bethel Temple, Sacramento; James Swanson of Bethel Church, Hayward; K. M. Haystead, Assistant District Superintendent; James Boersma, and Forrest M. Beiser. About 40 church music directors, pastors, and evangelists attended the sessions. Each of the brethren pictured above especially participated in the program, and in addition, students of B. B. C. brought special music.

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"Let him deny himself"

The Secret of Serenity and Beauty
in the Christian Life.

by Paul Kienel



We are standing high on a jagged bluff above the tranquil shores of the Atlantic Ocean, near Florida's lovely Datona Beach. The afternoon sun casts its rays of glistening beauty over the rise of every graceful swell of the sea. The air about us is still and characteristically calm. Before us stretches a vast panorama of beauty whose splendor we know can only be enjoyed a few fleeting moments more. The air's unusual stillness has warned us of Danger! A storm is coming! Stealthily advancing on the eastern horizon, a black, turbulent mist moves over the already rising swells. All nature seems to seek refuge as the pre-storm shower bows in for the coming scene. The increasing, deepening shade of color on the green palms along the shore below gives evidence to the eerie blackness forming overhead. We race for protecting shelter as our stage for storm belatedly reflects the coming of a tempestuous climax. Now the waves begin their thunderous dashing, the limber palms thrash the darkened sky as the winds and rains surge in turbulent tempest. The storm has come and the whole terrain has been drenched by the raging elements.

Almost as suddenly as it had come, its furor began to recede. It seems as though Christ has stretched forth his hand and whispered "Peace be still." Finger-like shafts of golden sunlight filtered through the breaking clouds until the shore and the sea seem to clothe themselves in an almost awesome sacredness. Colorful congregated hues of beauty radiate in splendor on the misty air. In the words of Doctor Charles S. Price, it is as though "God has draped a rainbow over the shoulders of the dying storm."

Such scenes of majestic beauty only came after a storm. God released heavenly forces immeasurable to produce such an awe-inspiring spectacle. Let it be observed that nothing worth-while is obtained without a cost. The great pianist, Paderewski, summed up a life of unremitting effort in these words: "Before I was a master, I was a slave."

This modern age of action and unmerited convenience has in many respects lured into its path many would-be servants of self-discipline. The idea of working many hours producing something with your own hands is almost a lost sensation. Organized economics has provided our material possessions practically at the snap of a switch. Due to the convenience of installment buying, we are denied almost nothing.

This spirit of unrestrained desires, has become a crippling factor in the Christ-ordained plan of self-denial. Peter said, "*Lo, we have left all and have followed Thee.*" Luke 5:11. Too many of us are guilty of taking the way of least resistance. Few of us ever lay out a mental pattern for leading our fellow man to Christ. Few are the men who exhaust their every opportunity to win a soul to the Lord. Where are those who, as our fathers before us, travailed in prayer hour upon hour for the joy of salvation to fill the hearts of sinful men? How negligent and reluctant we mortals are to bear the cross of self-denial! Jesus said, "*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*" Matt. 16:24.

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Such a pattern of self-denial must have been in the heart of all our fathers of Pentecost. The highest form of tribute should be paid to our honorable fore-bearers, those spirited warriors of the cross, who have gone before and fought the taxing agonies of a small beginning. The consistent, untiring efforts of those Godly noblemen have transformed their dreams into these present-day realities which we enjoy. Because of their faithful steadfastness to the Divine herald of Peace, there stands a monumental lighthouse that beams the Bible-centered influence of the Assemblies of God around the world.

Nothing can describe the sense of joy and contentment, which is the fruit of a hard won victory. A thriving church is the result of strenuous work. An active Spirit-filled C. A. group is due to the concentrated efforts of a Spirit-filled leader. A well attended men's fellowship, where men are consistently being won into the Kingdom, is only realized when its executives prepare prayerfully and extensively. The ecstasy and triumphant joy brought by a wayward boy coming home to the fold stems from the faithful prayer of a loving Mother. The appearing of our many new churches across the country have come only because of an undying vision and labors of God's people. Perhaps it has been rightly said, "anything worthwhile costs us something." All of us must incessantly work to see the flower of progress bloom in our realm of responsibility.

Only as we weather the storm of sacrifice can we know the satisfaction of fulfilling the will of the Father. If we are to see the majesty of the rainbow, we must tolerate the fury of the storm. He who would see the salvation of men, "*Let him deny himself. . .*"

Success through Perseverance

by Don Schutzler

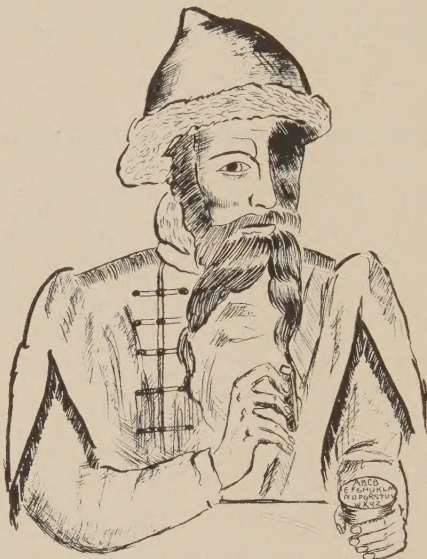
Hans Gutenberg began life on this earth as a young aristocrat at Mainz, Germany. Though his own city was free, he lived in turbulent times. Freeman and nobles were fighting for power. The working class attached itself to whichever group happened to be favoring it at the moment. As a result of these struggles, Hans Gutenberg suffered exile when he was but nineteen years old. Thus, he found himself in the city of Strasburg, and it was there that he lived and achieved his life's work.

When Gutenberg was exiled, all his goods were confiscated, and he was reduced to subsisting on what money his mother was able to smuggle to him. But Gutenberg enjoyed a great deal of personal popularity in Strasburg. He was so popular, in fact, that when the chief magistrate of Mainz passed through Strasburg, he found himself a captive of the friends of Gutenberg. He was held a hostage until Gutenberg's possessions were fully restored.

The restoration of his goods allowed young Gutenberg to travel throughout Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and Holland, and to visit men of science, craft, and education. He travelled not for pleasure but for purpose. He sought a means which would enable him to spread the Word of God among the multitudes.

A friend of his, Lawrence Koster, ignited the smouldering desire of Hans Gutenberg and that by chance. Koster was in love. In his free time, he walked beside the canals in Holland and sat under the willows to indulge in day dreams of his lady love. While you and I may have carved our hearts and initials on tree trunks, not Koster. His were engraved on little blocks of willow still saturated with sap but stripped of the bark. On one occasion, after carefully carving out the initials of his friend and himself, Koster wrapped them in a piece of parchment intending to deliver them to her as a remembrance of his affection. On opening it the next day, he was astonished when he saw the letters perfectly imprinted on the parchment by the sap which had oozed out during the night. He en-

graved other letters on a large plank, replaced the sap by a black liquid and thus succeeded in printing the first proof.



The traditional portrait of Johann Gutenberg. Interpreted for Glad Tidings by Barbara McMasters.

It was Koster's discovery which Gutenberg took back to Strasburg. Ten years of travel and search had finally produced something which could be developed to carry out Gutenberg's one desire, to spread the Word of God to millions. He promptly set about building the world's first printing press. It was modeled somewhat after a wine press, and was built by a wood-turner. Many years of work and tribulation were encountered before the model operated satisfactorily. Said Gutenberg of his press, "It is a press from which shall flow inexhaustible streams of pure truth. It shall scatter the darkness of ignorance and cause a Light to shine among men."

Gutenberg succeeded in his pro-

Our author, Reverend Don Schutzler, is a graduate of Bethany Bible College (class of '51). At present he pastors at Canby, Oregon, though previously he assisted Pastor Leonard Weston of Pacific Grove, California.

ject because he knew what he wanted to do. He worked until he accomplished his task. He stands as one of history's great men who made the world a better place in which to live and benefitted all humanity. God honors men who frame their goals clearly and faithfully pursue them. Success is likely to reward the one who knows what he expects from God and then he seeks until he finds it. The men who let down the poor leper into the presence of Jesus for healing by removing a portion of the roof didn't stop along the way for wine at Bartholomew's wine cellar. They were too interested in getting their friend to Jesus. And they weren't to be denied, not even by the multitude that surrounded the house. The woman said, "If I may but touch the hem of His garment, I shall be healed." She fought her way to the side of Jesus, and, as a reward of her persistent faith, years of struggling, seeking, and waiting ended in a flash of healing virtue from the Lord. Those who know what they expect of God and persist in their expectancy will not hesitate to remove the roof or touch a hem of a garment if that be the need.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Tarry until you be endued with power from on high. Tarry until I send the Promise of my Father." They waited and He sent the glorious Holy Spirit upon those who gathered for that one purpose. Those who expected to be filled with the Holy Spirit were filled. How pathetic that people will permit the Baptism in the Holy Spirit to remain unfinished spiritual business. If we really wish this experience surely God will fill us and meet our need.

Christians probably pray more prayers for the satisfaction of their needs than for anything else. It's natural to be interested in ourselves and to desire provision and possessions. Yet I am convinced that we need not struggle over God's supply of our needs. As a young minister I have as yet to pastor a church which could fully support me. I have always had to do outside work in order to maintain my family. On one occasion I worked in a garage. On Saturday they

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God Remains Faithful

It is likely that the people of Northern California will not soon forget December 23, 1955. It was a day of steady, soaking rainfall, and it had been preceded by a week or more of similar storms. Edith Whitford, one time Yuba City Pastor, writes:

The storm in its fury came on us,
And rain from the heavens did fall;
It seemed there would ne'er be a letup,
Disaster 'twas feared would befall.

All rivers were filled to their fullest,
The soaked earth could not hold any more;
"Please, Lord, won't there be a letup?
Will all earth be a flood as before?"

Then the grave warnings were sounded,
"Get your families and flee for your life!"
Things once thought so dear now seemed
nothing;
The air with anxiety was rife.

The call to evacuate came to one Northern California community after another, and everywhere people were plunged into confusion and fear, oftentimes scarcely believing the warnings that they heard. Pastor Ingram of Klamath Assembly of God tells his experience: "In response to the call to leave, we set out from our church and parsonage at 12:30 a. m., leaving behind all our personal belongings. We went to our daughter's home, believing that there we would be safe. At 6:00 a. m. however we had to start moving her furniture and putting it on crates and boxes, by 7:30 we were in water a foot deep in the living room, and at 8:30 we were being rescued by boat and taken to higher ground. Arriving there, we stood with a large group of other refugees and watched house after house go down the river only to be broken up at the mouth."

The Yuba City people did not have the opportunity of a leisurely flight.

There a levee broke and a wall of water swept across the city.

Then it came like a horrible nightmare
Screaming sirens told us our fate;
Angry waters that would not be harnessed,
Broke thru — we must run and make haste!

Words cannot describe the great chaos,
So helpless and fearful and cold;
Muffled cries 'mid mad waters and sirens,
Such pathos cannot here be told.

Calvary Tabernacle, Yuba City's Assembly of God, had been anticipating their annual Sunday school program that night. It was late afternoon before the threat of the flood became sure enough that Pastor Dave Colbert announced the cancellation of the program. Soon there were appeals for levee workers and Pastor Colbert volunteered. As the evening wore on, and the levee gave signs of collapsing, Pastor Colbert went home and prepared his family for evacuation. He then went to awaken and assist those families of the church that he knew might need him. By this time, the evacuation of 20,000 people was on. When the wave of water boiled over the area some never made it —

their cars were swept off the road and wholly engulfed.

We all trust ourselves on God's mercy,
Life and death are in His power alone;
And He guided us over to safety,
What grace and compassion were shown!

Probably many men live a lifetime and never know what it means to cast oneself utterly upon God in the manner that men found necessary in an hour such as this. Pastor Ingram tells of his vigil in the Klamath area: "At 11:30 a. m., we watched a large building go floating by. From where we were it looked like the church. I thought of 14 years and 10 months of labor drifting down to destruction . . ."

If ever we once had been strangers,
This night our hearts were as one;
Perhaps it took this disaster,
To teach us division to shun.

As news of the calamity went forth, people everywhere rallied to help. The Colusa church was made a refugee center, and under the direction of Pastor Reuben Wilson Jr. a host of flood victims found a haven of rest. Pastors Mel Steward of Marysville and Dave Colbert of Yuba City



Desolation and ruin at the Redwood Regional Camp. Where once lovely grounds and buildings stood, only debris and muddy water remain. The brethren are undaunted however, and conscious of the Lord's encouragement, they are already talking of rebuilding.



Photo courtesy Marysville Appeal-Democrat

(ABOVE): An aerial view of the Yuba City area as the flood receded. The waters had risen 5 or 6 feet higher than they were when this picture was taken. Indicated are the following: (1) The washout of the fifth street bridge connecting the city with Marysville, (2) The Pentecostal Holiness Church, (3) The wrecked house which is shown in detail in the picture below at the right. The Assembly of God church is not within the area of this picture. Though it suffered damage, the amount was minor compared to most of the buildings in this picture. (BELOW-Left): The tabernacle of the Redwood Campground as it appeared before the flood. The completed structure was used for the first time last summer. (Center): Ruins of buildings at the Redwood Campground as the brethren found them after the flood. (Right): A typical ruined house at Yuba City — this house is indicated as figure 3 in the photo above. It is estimated that there were 280 to 300 houses that were as seriously damaged as this one. Included were some 20 homes belonging to Assemblies of God people.

were given Civil Defense passes, and for many hours they went from one refugee center to another ministering what help and comfort they could. From time to time they found some of their own members, often wandering about in an aimless daze.

The day came for the trek home. Strong men wept as they surveyed the ruins of all their worldly possessions. Upwards of 60 Assemblies of God families in the Yuba City-Marysville area alone suffered extensive losses; some who had been compara-

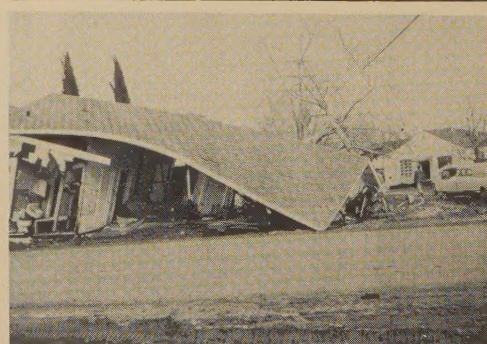
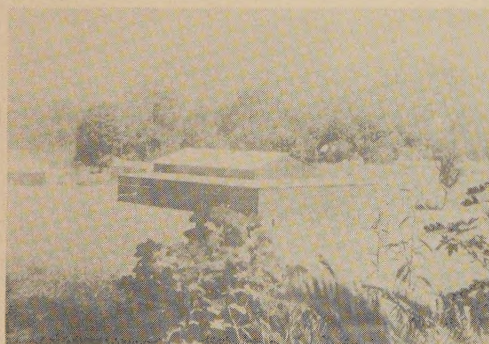


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tively prosperous were left penniless. People whose livelihood depended on real estate properties returned to find not only their own homes a ruin, but their means of livelihood utterly gone also. The aggregate loss of Assemblies of God families in this area was well over \$200,000 and 90 per cent of the Yuba City Assembly of God people were in some way affected. Throughout the District the experiences were similar. Pastor Raymond Murray of Santa Cruz returned home to find his basement totally flooded and his garage swept away. People found that what hadn't been damaged directly by the flood was swept away by landslides, or cave-ins or severely damaged in the high winds which accompanied the rain.

And yet the picture wasn't all black. So far as has been reported, there was no loss of life or bodily injury among any of our people and only two Assemblies of God churches suffered more than minor damage.

So we found it His mercy—not judgment,
That this havocking flood came our way;
It caused us to turn our thoughts heavenward,
From earth's night to eternity's day.

And tho stripped of all earthly possessions,
Yet richer in spirit we'll be;
If we'll turn to our God in our troubles,
His goodness and mercy we'll see.

Pastor Ingram returned to what was left of the town of Klamath. He reports: "When we came in view of the town, there all alone stood the Assembly of God church. What a testimony it was to the grace of God!" And at Yuba City, Pastor Colbert found that though the water outside had risen to three or four feet, the level in the church rose to only 15 inches. Water had risen to the doorstep of the Yuba City parsonage, but not a drop came inside. Pastor Bowers of Healdsburg had watched the rising waters until they lapped the edge of the church property. Then, in the style of Moses, he had prayed for

God to roll back the flood. From that moment the waters rose no higher.

Before long, help from outside was pouring into the stricken areas. The Marysville church was made a clothing and food depository for the Assemblies of God people of the area. WMC groups all over the District had emergency meetings, and almost immediately parcels of warm bedding and clothing were on their way to where they were needed. So much was given in fact, that our churches were able to help many outside of our fellowship, for our people simply had more than they could use. The Yuba City church was so swamped with gifts that it became impossible to keep track of each one individually, and Pastor Colbert had to content himself with writing a general letter of thanks and appreciation which he requested be conveyed through the pages of *Glad Tidings*.

Gift parcels to flood victims represented even a greater value than the food and clothing they contained—they served admirably to boost morale. A Christian couple reported witnessing the arrival of a truck convoy bearing gifts from the people of San Mateo. Their reaction was to park their car at the roadside and break out in tears of joy mingled with thanksgiving to God as they realized that someone cared.

Even the long, tedious, discouraging job of clean up was made lighter by many willing hands. C. A. work crews dispatched from Biggs by Pastor Ray Oliver and from Colusa by Pastor Reuben Wilson Jr. were soon on the scene at the Yuba City church. They waded through mud and slush and went to work eagerly. The Biggs church alone contributed 45 man days of labor in this task. At Klamath, Pastor Ingram found help from an unexpected source—the Simpson Logging Company. This large commercial organization very kindly displayed a remarkable Christian spirit

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Ed Webber's Photo.



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Glad Tidings Photo.

In this strip of photos is pictured (from top to bottom) the following: (1) The downtown area of Santa Cruz the morning after the flood. Though not much destruction is visible, the muddy streets testify to the extent of the flood. The residence of Pastor Murray of the First Assembly of God is just across the river in the direction indicated by the arrow. (2) The remains of Paradise Park Motel being cleared off Highway 101. This Motel was right at the gate of the Redwood Camp, and it sometimes served as overflow accommodations for visitors to the Campground. (3) The village of Pepperwood as it appeared after the flood's destruction. Pepperwood was the trading area closest to the Redwood Camp. (4) After the storm subsided at Bethany Park, the cottage of Brother Ed Bodenhofer lay on the parking lot in this manner. Apart from a few minor landslides and the fact that the water system was temporarily put out of operation, this was the only damage to Bethany Park.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

FEBRUARY 21, 22, 23, 24

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

WMC DAY - Meetings at

10:00 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 2:30 p. m.
10:00 a. m. Missionary Devotionals
1:30 p. m. Penny Parade
2:30 p. m. "We've a Story to Tell"

An illustrated pageant

7:30 p. m. Opening Rally

Paul Bruton, Speaker

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

The District Presbytery will convene
Monday, February 20
at 1:00 p. m.



...give you.

...from ...

E. R. Scratch, Speaker
Brother Scratch is Pastor of the
Redwood City Assembly of God

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

- 9:30 a. m. Devotional Service
- 10:00 a. m. Business Session
- 2:00 p. m. Business Session
- 7:30 p. m. BETHANY BIBLE COL.

Keetah Jones, Speaker
Brother Jones pastors the
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FRIDAY, FEB. 24

- 9:30 a. m. Devotional Service
- 10:00 a. m. Business Session
- 2:00 p. m. Business Session
- No Evening Meeting

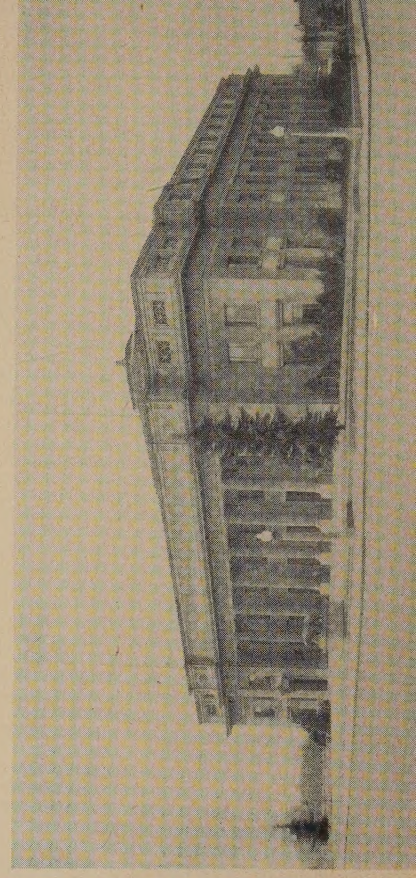
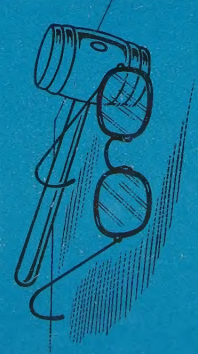
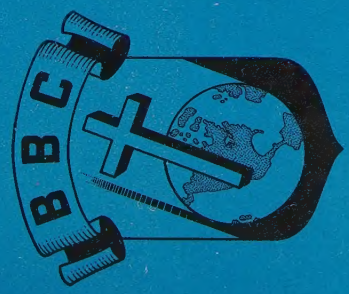
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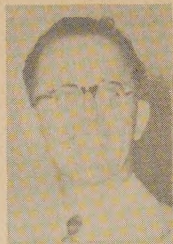
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Honor Roll

Honor is due the Sectional Sunday School Representatives of the Northern California and Nevada District for a job well done.

Many activities have been carried on by these faithful men and women over our district during the past year. They have conducted Workers Training Courses and Workers Conferences for many schools in their own section as well as neighboring sections of the district. Some have conducted Teachers and Officers Fellowship meetings and other Sunday School rallies. They have promoted the Enlargement Campaign, Loyalty Campaign, Vacation Bible Schools, Boys and Girls Camps (many of them serving as counsellors or officers of these camps), and the Regional Sunday School Convention.

Then, last but not least, they have helped to make their sections 100% in reporting on our annual check-up. For the second time in the history of the district, Northern California and Nevada is 100%, having received a check-up from every Sunday School which is listed on our Sunday School roll.

CONGRATULATIONS to you, our Sectional Sunday School Representatives.



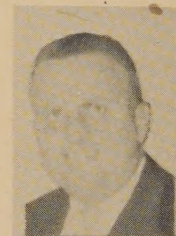
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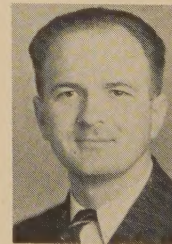
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HOW TO WIN A CHILD

Think of him as a soul, not as "merely a child."

Love him sincerely, and let him know that you love him.

Be interested, not only in his soul, but in his present life, and show this interest at all times.

Think of evangelism as a constant effort, and never limit it to a specific occasion on which you speak definitely to the child of his salvation.

Tell him the simple gospel story in your own words, never seeking to talk down to him, but avoiding ter-

minology and symbolism which he may not comprehend. Emphasize the love of God, the sacrifice of Christ, and the responsibility of each person for his own sin.

Invite him to attend regular church services, and sit with him during these services if it is at all possible for you to do so.

Suggest helpful Bible readings to him and try to lead him into greater Bible appreciation.

Encourage him to feel at home with you, to discuss his problems, confide

his doubts, and ask questions.

Live before him an example of happy, purposeful Christianity.

Pray for him, and seek opportunity to pray with him.

WORKER'S TRAINING COURSE AT TURLOCK

Bethel Temple

3rd and A St.,

Date: Feb. 6-10

Instructor: Harry Leacock

A Christian had rather save his soul than his hide.

Northern California's Flood

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in sending a large crew of loggers to aid in the restoration. The task was not little — there was three feet of debris through the parsonage consisting of mud, clothing, furniture, and personal belongings. In the church the deposit of mud, hymn books and broken seats made an 18-inch layer of debris. The piano was a fit only to be burned.

The Assemblies of God church was one of only a handful of buildings in Klamath that withstood the flood. A worker reported to Pastor Ingram that at the height of the flood "the largest tug in Klamath tried to tie up at a stump alongside the church and yet with its twin engines straining it couldn't move against the current." Surely God kept His hand upon the building. Says Brother Ingram: "One of the most beautiful things I have ever seen occurred the night after we finished cleaning the mud out of the church. The electricity came on so I pushed the switch. To my delight, there, out across that ruined town, shone in block letters the sign "Assembly of God."

When the storm abated at Yuba City, the saddened residents were somewhat cheered by rays of sunshine and a rainbow in the sky.

And then, when the long storm was lifting,
God put His great bow in the sky;
To remind us He's still in the heavens,
And thru all, He is still standing by.

Elsewhere, there may not have been a rainbow, but Christian people have a right to look upon their God

as the Author of a rainbow of promise whatever may be their temporary tragedy. Perhaps, more than any of the rest of us, these flood victims are impressed:

He's building a home over yonder,
He'll grant us the deed bye and bye;
It's eternal — and floods cannot harm it,
This, we learned from His bow in the sky.

The people of the flooded areas ask first of all our prayers and sympathetic interest in their struggle to be rehabilitated. Several hundred dollars in cash has come in to the District office to help in this cause, and it is to be administered as wisely as possible

Hans Gutenberg

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laid me off. At the dinner table that noon we asked God to bless the food before us and committed our future into His hands. The following day God gave me a new employer, and had I not desired to rest a week I would never have had to miss one pay day. God is just like that.

Is it healing you need? The Baptism of the Holy Spirit? Salvation? A material need? Are you concerned about the will of God? We do not need to allow such things to build up until they seem an insurmountable obstacle beyond the power of God and bigger than our faith. God wants us to use each occasion of testing as a time of stepping up higher in the grace and knowledge of Him, rather than a step down into the cellar of doubt, despair, and discouragement.

We have a positive Gospel, one which has a promise of that which

sible under the direction of the Home Missions committee. The Christmas flood was a disaster, but with the help of God and the cooperation of one another it need not be a crippling disaster to any one of our Assemblies of God brethren. May we continue to maintain the trust in God and the cooperation with one another that has everywhere been evidenced thus far in the face of this tragedy.

Acknowledgement: The editor's thanks to the following who contributed material to make possible this article: Edith Whitford (who wrote the poem used throughout the article), N. R. Ingram, Walt Boring, Mel Steward, Dave Colbert, Ray Oliver, J. L. Gerhart, and K. M. Haystead.

now is. Today it shall help us; tomorrow it shall resurrect us. Today's experiences may be compared by the grace of God. Gutenberg had a problem to solve. And so, persistently and faithfully he pursued it and one day succeeded gloriously. God gives His children victories just like that. Persistent faithfulness assures no unfulfilled goals, and it leads to such glorious triumphs as the invention of the printing press and the development of the means to spread the printed Word of God to millions throughout the generations.

BETHANY PARK NEWS

Progress on drilling the well at Bethany Park is now awaiting suitable weather. A contract has been signed for a 210 foot well with a flow of 30 gallons per minute. The cost is to be \$1,146.87 for drilling and casing. Fred D. Carter, Chairman.

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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Forecast of blessing for

SACRAMENTO BETHEL C. A.'s

by Norman Sandberg

We began this new year with a Youth Revival conducted by Evangelist Earla McKinley. As this article goes to press, the meetings are in progress and gaining momentum nightly. At the close of each service a multitude of young people are found filling the prayer rooms and seeking God's will for their lives. Many have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and only eternity will reveal all that has been accomplished.



Brother Sandberg is Minister of Youth at Sacramento's Bethel Temple.

Beginning in February, the first and third Tuesdays of each month are to be recreation nights for our young people. There will be games and refreshments in our beautiful new annex. The second and fourth Tuesdays nights will be devoted to visitation, prayer and round table discussion. Our regular Christ's Ambassador services are on Sunday evening at 6:15 p. m.

During the month of February, on Washington's birthday, we are planning our annual trip to the snow. In the spring we will have our Missionary Convention which is one of the highlights in the Temple program. Immediately following the close of school in June we are planning a three-day youth retreat in the mountains for relaxation and spiritual refreshment.

Twice monthly a group of our young people conduct services at Juvenile Hall, a correctional institute. Many have been won to the Lord through this endeavor. Also, various groups participate in mission services and road camps. We thank God for the great opportunities He has opened to us to serve Him. We feel that our young people are literally fulfilling Ephesians 5:16 — "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

SPEED - THE - LIGHT



In picture number one you see a lovely 1955 station wagon. This is the same station wagon that you saw at the three Spring Conventions last year, driven by Missionary Hal Headrick of Wahiawa, Oahu T. H. From its appearance one would never think of it as anything unusual, but one look at picture number two will show you that this Speed-The-Light vehicle is certainly as unusual as are all Speed-The-Light vehicles. In action, on the field, they become many things. You will find eighteen Sunday School passengers in this picture, which, says Brother Headrick, is a normal load. This vehicle is on the field already but it is not completely paid for. We are trusting that in the next few months this station wagon will be paid for entirely.

President's Column



Yielding to vanity I thought I would put in a picture of myself receiving the wonderful news from Dick Fulmer that our district has placed second in the nation in Speed-The-Light giving for the past year, 1955. The C. A. staff at Springfield stayed on the job all day January 31st to count the last S. T. L. money as it came in from every district in the nation and to figure out who took first, second and third place. The final tally showed that you gave \$18,500 in 1955. Thilled! So am I.

It won't be long now until we'll all be making our way to Youth Camp again. If you are anything like me, you are already getting anxious. By now I've forgotten all the hard work, kangaroo courts and other more or less unpleasant things that accompany youth camps and can only remember the wonderful fellowship I have with you C. A.'s and the wonderful services that we always have. We have no announcements to make yet about speakers, time, etc. but I advise you to start making your plans right now because the time will fly between now and registration day.

May God bless all of you and give you a wonderful year.

Walt Boring.

C. A. Chit-Chat

With the new year now well established, things are pretty well back to normal. We hope that in your case "normal" is doing all that you can for the advancement of your C. A.'s, and the cause of our Lord.

We were happy to receive the report that there have been several new young people added to the church at NEVADA CITY. It seems to us that we are getting more reports such as this all of the time. This is

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HERE AND THERE

AUBURN (First Assembly of God) — Sister Inez Sturgeon was the guest speaker on January 8th. The annual sectional meeting was held January 9th in connection with the fellowship meeting. Brother R. A. Wilson, of Roseville, and Sister Doris Arnesen, of Lincoln, were re-elected for District Presbyter and WMC Sectional Chairman, respectively. The afternoon service was a panel discussion on tithing, during which Dan Wood, Everett Cook, and John Green spoke. Sister Inez Sturgeon was the evening speaker. Everett Wilson was the guest speaker for the morning service on January 1st. The pastor is G. C. Sturgeon.

BOONVILLE — Lake-Mendocino presbyter J. R. Edgar reports the January Fellowship Meeting: "We had a splendid meeting in spite of small crowds and rainy weather. Our guest speakers were Brother and Sister John Wright, missionaries to India. They presented an excellent missionary challenge. Sister Wright spoke in the afternoon and gave interesting information of India. They also sang and Brother Wright spoke in the evening." The pastors at Boonville are Brother and Sister Charles McPheeters.

BURLINGAME — Congratulations are due this Assembly for the very fine annual report and financial statement which it has published. We note that cash receipts in the General Fund for 1955 exceeded \$13,000. The report featured most interesting comments from leaders in each department of the church. The pastors are Leonard and Frieda Palmer.

CANBY — Pastor Harold C. Casper writes: "We are praising the Lord that we are now in our new building, even though it is far from being completed. On December 17th, we moved into the church, and the next day began a five-day wind that ripped our meeting tent to shreds. We

thank God for the miracle that we were in our building just in time."

CASTRO VALLEY — Pastor R. J. Boyd writes: "God is blessing our church. In December we broke our Sunday school attendance record with 150. New Year's Eve, Evangelist Claude O. Wood began revival services. God blessed as the sick were healed, the saints revived, sinners saved, and backsliders reclaimed and refilled."

CHICO (First Assembly) — The January Workers' Training course was conducted by D. V. Hurst of Springfield. The adult enrollment was 120 in spite of flood conditions. The pastor is Ray Lockwood.

CLOVERDALE — Pastor J. L. Jeffrey reports an average of 104 in Sunday school. This assembly is currently engaged in a building program, including a new church building, Sunday school rooms, and a C. A. hall.

COLUSA — In January this assembly was host to an area-wide Workers' Training Course. The special speaker was Harry Leacock. The co-operating churches included Williams, Pastor William Wedgeworth; Arbuckle, Pastor Martin Engebretsen; and the host pastor, Reuben Wilson, Jr., of Colusa. This assembly has made the church a refuge center for those in the flood area of Yuba City.

EAST BAY SECTION — Brother W. Lowell Hooper sends this report: "The East Bay Fellowship meeting was held at Grace Church in Oakland on January 9. Evangelist Mark Buntain was the speaker. The following week on January 16 was the Annual Business Meeting. Rev. F. A. Sturgeon, pastor of First Church of Oakland and Sectional Presbyter, submitted his resignation as presbyter due to the call of the Lord laid upon the hearts of the Sturgeons for missionary activity in Europe."

GRASS VALLEY — Everett Wilson spoke for Pastor Doug Fairington at their

watchnight service.

LINCOLN — Evangelist George Elrod currently has been holding meetings for Pastor Oscar Arnesen.

LOS BANOS — Pastor Eugene Lawrence and his people were recent hosts to Rev. Fred Greve and a musical group from Bethany Bible College. The occasion was a Sectional C. A. Rally. A fine crowd attended and everyone enjoyed the Lord's blessing.

MADERA (Yosemite Assembly) — A recent C. A. Rally featured Pastor Melvin Steward of Marysville as the special speaker. The pastor is Robert S. Bubb.

MODESTO (Assembly of God Tabernacle) — District Presbyter Dan Robinson sent the following report of the Central San Joaquin Fellowship Meeting at which J. S. McMullen was host pastor: "At 2:30 in the afternoon, Rev. Trumbo, pastor of the Full Gospel Church in Modesto, was the speaker. At 5:00, the church served a chicken dinner to a great number. At 6:30, Rev. George Alsop, of Ceres, ministered to the preachers and their wives. At 7:30 in the evening, Rev. Leonard Rogers, pastor of Calvary Tabernacle in Stockton, stirred our hearts with a wonderful message. It was one of the greatest Fellowship meetings we have had." He also reports that all of the assemblies of this section are helping in the flood relief by sending clothing and food to the flooded areas.

NORTH HIGHLANDS — Evangelist Wesley Kay Ming began meetings on January 15 with Pastor Glen Parks.

NORTH SACRAMENTO (Church of the Redeemed) — On Monday, December 26th, Brother Joseph DeGrade and Rev. Al Wehr, of Chico, held a special service. On January 1st, Brother and Sister Westberg began revival meetings. Other scheduled meetings will begin February 26th, with Brother Joseph DeGrade, and April 13th, with Brother Morris Cerullo. The pastor is E. L. Snyder.

OAKLAND (Calvary Temple) — Present for the Christmas evening service were



The Contra Costa Section held their first Men's Fellowship Dinner on December 6th at Calvary Temple in Concord. Brother R. A. Work, host Pastor and District Presbyter, and eight other pastors of this section, with their men, joined together for a time of blessing and fellowship. The message of the evening was brought by

Brother S. A. Merrill, of Rodeo. It is hoped by many to make this an annual affair. In the picture, Brother Work is in the immediate foreground. We congratulate this Section on this progress and trust that many more of our assemblies and sections will promote a Men's Fellowship program.

Burger and Evelyn Thornes, from Oslo, Norway. The pastor is Oliver L. Foth.

OAKLAND (Grace Church) — Pastor W. Lowell Hooper reports: "Rev. and Mrs. Howard Carter were the guests for the evening service on January 8. Their ministry was a real blessing to all. That evening the pastor baptised seven candidates, all recent converts."

REDDING (Assembly of God) — An area Workers' Training course held in this Assembly in January enrolled over 140. The instructor was Bob Pirtle from Springfield.

ROSEVILLE — Rev. D. V. Hurst was the guest speaker on January 15. Evangelist John Bostrom began meetings on January 31st for Pastor R. A. Wilson.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple) — Revival meetings began January 1st with Sister Earla McKinley. January 16th to 20th, this assembly was host for the Sectional Workers' Training Course. The special speaker was D. V. Hurst, our National Assistant Sunday School Secretary. On January 22nd, Missionary Evangelist Willard Cantelon was present for both services. Phil Kerr was the evening speaker on January 29th. The pastor is Clyde A. Henson.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — This assembly still continues with its building program. Work will soon begin toward completing the interior. The pastor is Kermit Jeffrey.

SAN RAFAEL — C. A. President William Phelps writes: "Our Christ Ambassadors are having a move of the Spirit of God. They hold street meetings in downtown San Rafael, and some have found Jesus as their personal Saviour." Church secretary, Judith Holcomb writes: "We were host to our Section's monthly C. A. rally, December 5th. Rev. William Vickery brought a wonderful, challenging message. One young lady was saved. The attendance in our Sunday School, evangelistic services, and C. A. meetings is steadily increasing." The pastor is Rev. Joseph B. Stark.

SUNNYVALE — The January Worker's Training Course taught by Fred J. Greve of Bethany Bible College proved to be richly profitable. The text *Into All Truth* by Stanley Horton was used for the course. Ralph W. Hillegas is the pastor.

WOODLAND — This assembly recently has purchased adjoining property which is to be remodeled for Sunday School use. The pastor is John Green.

YUBA CITY — This assembly which is in the flood area has been aided in clean-up by the Colusa and Biggs churches. David Colbert is the pastor.

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SACRAMENTO
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WHO'S NEW?

On January 8th, Malenda and Robert Porter welcomed Kenneth Leroy into their home. Sister Porter is the daughter of the Seth Hartmans, pastors at Graton. Little Kenneth is the Seth Hartmans' fourteenth grandchild.

It's a new baby boy for David and Esther (nee Doherty) Faggard of Chester. The Faggards are B. B. C. alumni, and at present are assisting Pastor Gilbert in the assembly at Chester. Little Philip Lyle arrived on December 19, 1955.

With the Lord

Prayerful sympathy is extended to Lena Hendon, former missionary to Samoa, on the homegoing of her mother during the past fall season.

Sister Joseph Prettyman recently lost her father, Raymond Oxley.

In one week's time, during the past Christmas season, Pastor William Pickthorn of Palo Alto saw the homegoing of first his mother and then his father. Though both parents were elderly, we nevertheless trust for God's sustaining grace upon our Brother and his family.

Through the night of January 20, it pleased the Lord to call home the infant son, Andrew Michael, of Glen and Ann Alexander. Brother Alexander is a fourth year student at B. B. C. The child was a few days over two months old. For Brother and Sister Alexander, likewise, we pray that special portion of divine blessing reserved for such a time as this.

NEW ADDRESS

Brother G. O. Baker, the representative of Church Extension Plan in this District, may now be addressed at: P. O. Box 215, San Leandro. His phone number is LOckhaven 2-2750. He had temporarily listed his address in care of the District office, but mail will now reach him more promptly if sent directly to San Leandro.

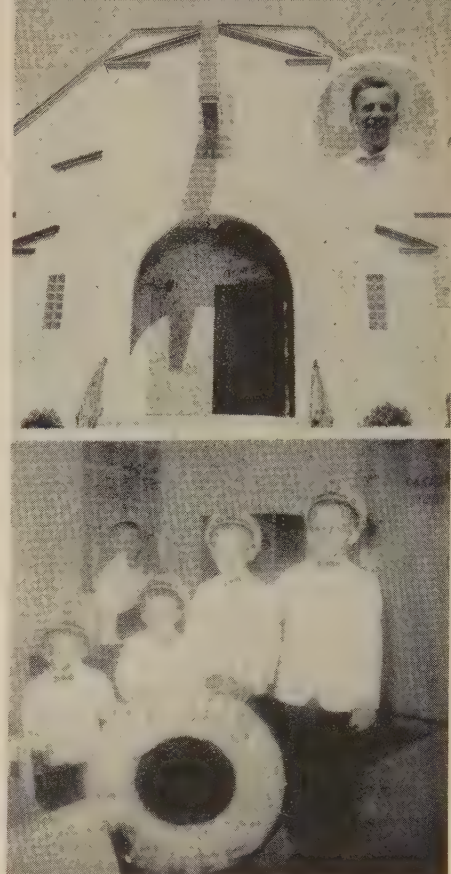
C. A. CHIT-CHAT

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more proof that our C. A.'s are "on the march."

In AUBURN the second annual C. A. homecoming has recently been held. There were guests from various parts of the country, including former officers and members. President Lucille Sanderson reports that the whole evening was a great success, and that the C. A.'s are looking forward to the future homecomings.

That's all of "Chit Chat" for this



The interesting snaps above are from Pastor Cecil M. Robeck of the Trinity Assembly of God Church of Las Vegas, Nevada. In the upper picture is the exterior of the church with an insert snap of Brother Robeck. Below are pictured Pastor and Mrs. Robeck's five sons. They are (l. to r.): Calvin, Melvin (in the background seated at the organ), Stephen, William, and David. This unique quintet contributes musically from time to time in the services. Reports Pastor Robeck: "This past year we have reached a new high of 242 in our Sunday school and our school has been awarded a gold crown. Once each month our C. A.'s travel to Beatty, Nevada, and conduct services there. These young people distribute up to 750 tracts each week. We broadcast each Sunday morning at 8:30 over Station KLAS. We are now planning a new building, for the present structure is not able to hold our Sunday school." Surely we rejoice with Pastor Robeck and his people for all these evidences of God's blessing, and we trust that this thriving progress and expansion will lead to new victories in the present year.

month. We would encourage you to let us know just what your group has done, and will be doing. All news should be sent to Don Sturgeon, 1443 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Calif.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Our WMC Ladies assist

CHANG SHANG FONG

It was early spring in the year of 1954 when a lady missionary approached a young Chinese boy and invited him to Sunday school and church. The invitation was at first rejected but missionary Evelyn Hatchett was insistent and eventually Chang Shang Fong attended the service in Penang, Malaya. There, he was soundly converted.

Today, less than two years from the time of his conversion, Chang Shang Fong is preparing for the ministry as a student in Bethany Bible College. He came to the United States this past fall, and by now he is well along in his freshman year. He is the only member of his family saved thus far, but he beams as he states that his plans are to return to Penang as an Assembly of God minister.

Penang, from which Brother Chang comes, is a small island located a few miles from the Malayan peninsula. Before he came to America, our brother had engaged in business and for the last few months had worked

in his father's rubber business and plantation.

The WMC has taken a hearty interest in Brother Chang. We found that he needed funds for warm clothing, and some of our ladies sought to meet this need. Recently Sister Oscar Arnesen, Sectional Director sent to the WMC District office a check for \$65.00 from the following churches: Auburn, Lincoln, Carmichael, Roseville, Capitol Assembly of Sacramento, Orangevale, and Woodland. Ferne Murray is pictured above making the presentation of the check. Other groups, including a Young People's class at Sunnyvale and Calvary Church of Oakland, have responded

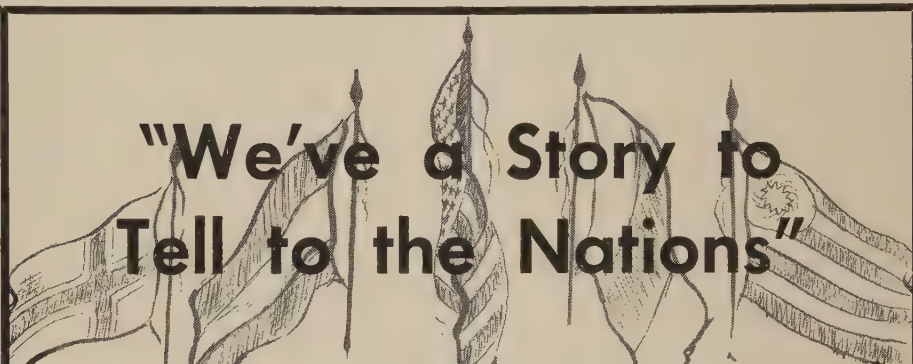


Chang Shang Fong and Sister Ferne Murray happily inspect the WMC check being presented to Brother Fong.

to his needs. We trust our material help will be a blessing to this fine young man and that he in turn will one day be used of God among his countrymen.



Two scenes of recent WMC activities. (Above) a splendid group gathered at the church supper which was held in conjunction with the North San Joaquin Rally at Escalon. (Below) Principals at the Escalon Rally. Left to right are: Evelyn Benning, Sectional Director; Ruth Couchman, Missionary to Latin America, and Goldia Anderson, WMC President.



An illustrated service to be presented during District WMC Day at District Council at Stockton

FEBRUARY 21, 1956

- 10:00 A. M. Reports, Projects, Missionary Devotionals
- 1:30 P. M. 3rd Annual Penny Parade — by Sectional Directors
- 2:30 P. M. "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
Missionaries in costume — "Tell the Story"

— SPEAKERS —

Floyd W. Thomas, Gold Coast, B. W. Africa
Buth Couchman, Peru

Sectional Directors: "W. M. C. Tells the Story"
Home Missions pleads "Tell Me the Story"
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No. California and Nevada.

Goldia Anderson
District W. M. C. Pres.

Ferne H. Murray
District W. M. C. Sect.
and Treasurer

CURRENT SIGNS

Alcohol, a Killer —

About 40 percent of all traffic deaths and injuries may be attributed to alcohol.

Alcoholic Advertising Banned:—

All advertising of alcoholic drinks in Sweden has been banned for a six month experimental period.

California is Growing —

Though the population of the U. S. as a whole increased by almost 3 million in 1955, the increase in California was almost twice that of the national average. California's population has increased by 2½ million since April 1950, and it now numbers about 13½ million. Report statisticians: "If present trends remain unchanged, before 1967 California will edge New York out of its position as the State which ranks first in population." It is our hope and prayer that our Gospel churches will rise to the challenge of the hour and grow with our population.

Employees Quit Smoking, Hit Jackpot —

Payoff time came for a Wichita Falls oil man and rancher who offered his employees \$50 each to quit smoking. J. S. Bridwell made the offer last March to the 255 employees of the Bridwell Oil Company.

Thirty-two were ready with signed statements for presentation and exchange for a total of \$1,600 — at a company Christmas party.

In addition to the \$50 checks for those who quit, Bridwell had a surprise for about 40 employees who couldn't cash in on the contest because they had quit before Bridwell's offer was made. The surprise: \$20 checks.

The stub of the checks carried this message:

"A partial reward to you for a sensible decision to quit smoking. Your real reward will come in better health, fewer accidents, better spirits, greater savings and in the satisfaction that you are an example for others who may be shortening their lives with this oppressive habit."

California's Alcoholics:—

The ratio of alcoholics in California is 50% above the national average.

Liquor Costs —

For every one dollar spent for public schools, about \$1.30 is spent for liquor.

Divorces Lead Marriages In County for '55 —

Marriages lost some ground to divorces in Sacramento County in 1955.

While 1,997 couples signed marriage licenses in the office of County Clerk C. C. La Rue, some 2,136 spouses penned their names to divorces and annulments filed in the superior court.

The Airline Liquor Question —

The matter of the serving of liquor on airline flights has recently been under discussion in Christian circles. Christians, particularly those who travel by air and who are subject to the disagreeable annoyance of tippling seat companions, are urged to file protests against this custom. The facts of the situation were recently stated in a letter to the editor by an official of one of the larger airlines thus: "An organization such as ours

has a distinct obligation to both its customers and its stockholders. Safety and superior service must be provided for patrons; stockholders must be recognized by adherence to economic management policies. Competition as well as customer demand has caused us to provide liquor service . . ." It is to be regretted that this organization should be impressed to conclude:

(1) They would make extra profit by serving liquor, (2) That customer demanded it. A patron can do little about the profit-motive, but he at least can protest liquor wherever he finds it in air travel and make clear to the airlines that not all customers demand it. Concerning this matter the Civil Aeronautics Board declares: "Notwithstanding the fact that there is no Federal restriction on the serving of liquor aboard aircraft on grounds of public morality, good taste, or religion, it is possible that if the privilege were abused, safety might be jeopardized or the carrier's air transportation service impaired . ." The C. A. A. memorandum cites the relevant section of the Civil Air Regulations "A pilot shall not permit any person to be carried in the aircraft who is obviously under the influence of intoxicating liquor . . ." and then it comments: "It is conceivable that if service of liquor were carried to such an extent that passengers became boisterous, unruly, or offensive in their conduct to other passengers, there would be a violation of this section." Should Christians ever witness such events they would serve their best interests by reporting immediately and fully to the Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington 25, D. C.



This smiling group of Christ's Ambassadors are from the Northside Assembly of God church of Tracy, Calif. They are happy because D-Cap Walt Boring has just set them in order and because they have the distinction of being the first group taken into the district and national fellowship for the year 1956. Their pastor is Rev. Manuel Deeds.

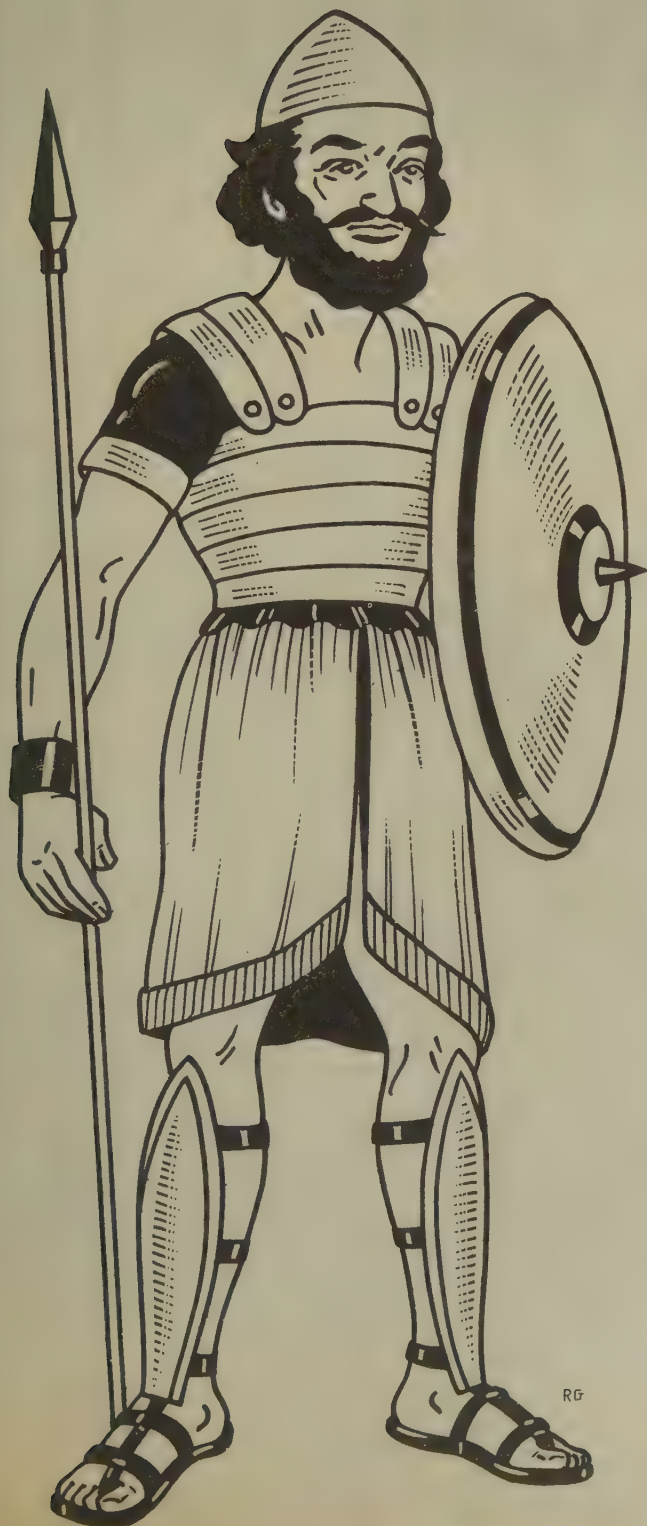
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JOSHUA

by

R. M. Riggs

Joshua was a soldier. The first scriptural view we have of him is when he chose men and went out and fought against Amelek. He worked on the battle field in conjunction with Moses on the mount. When Moses' hands were up Joshua prevailed and when his hands were down Amelek prevailed. He worked with his commanding officer for victory.

The next view of the young man, Joshua, is given in Exodus 24:13: "And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and behold Aaron and Hur are with you." Thus Moses and Joshua went up into the mount and were there forty days and forty nights. The Ten Commandments and much additional revelation were given Moses at that time. Then Moses turned and went down from the mount. "And when Joshua heard the noise of the people, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp." Exodus 32:17. This confirms that Joshua was with Moses and God the whole 40 days and nights.

Evidently Joshua's cooperation with Moses in the destruction of Amalek led to his choice as Moses' personal attendant. Here we find him serving Moses on a spiritual mission. He was with Moses as his minister (or helper), and with God for forty days in the mount! Humble, serving,

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PASTOR HENSON INVITES YOU

Pastor Clyde A. Henson of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, invites you to watch OUR STORY, half hour TV program, appearing on Chanel 10, Sunday afternoons at 1:30. In addition to the Word, you will enjoy fine Gospel music under the direction of Dave Peters.

1:30 P. M. SUNDAYS

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OUR STORY

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Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad is currently ministering in our District and rapidly becoming known and appreciated by our people. Though she makes her headquarters in Santa Cruz, she has travelled so extensively elsewhere that many of us have not previously had opportunity to meet her. Her evangelistic ministry has taken her coast-to-coast in the United States and up into Canada and Newfoundland. Prior to her return to Northern California, Sister Lindblad held protracted meetings in our Assemblies churches in Seattle, Washington, with excellent results. During January she ministered in the San Bruno Assembly, and Pastor Edwin Cole writes most appreciatively of the results of the meetings. During February she was scheduled to hold a campaign in Petaluma where Sister E. G. Skultety pastors. Reports Brother Cole: "Miss Lindblad says that she thoroughly enjoys the fellowship of

the Northern California-Nevada District and that she has found it a real pleasure to serve the Master in this part of His vineyard."

WHO'S NEW?

We hear that congratulations are due Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brown, of Sacramento, on the arrival of a new baby daughter on January 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Currier, also of Sacramento, are the proud parents of a little daughter, Patricia June, who arrived January 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Moore welcomed little Stephen David on January 25. Brother and Sister Moore are B. B. C. alumni, now living in Sacramento.

On January 29, a daughter, Glenda Rae, made her entrance into the home of Greta and Norman Heier. Brother Heier is a B. B. C. student.

On February 3rd, little Nancy Anne, weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces, was born to Jim and Elsie Hazen. Brother Hazen also is a B. B. C. student.

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YOUTH TO THE FOREFRONT!

by CORNISH JONES

"I have written to you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." (1 Jno. 2:14)

"Therefore put on the complete armour of God, so that you may be able to stand your ground in the evil day, and having fought to the end, to remain victors in the field." (Eph. 6:13)

It has become a common thing to hear the statement that the "hope of the future lies with the youth of today!" In centuries past the emphasis of life was always on the ancient of days. But in the present day's hectic swirl of wars and tumults, and ever-changing economies, the emphasis has swung to a lower age-level. In former years when conflict and infringement of rights caused nation to reach a war-raging point it was a clash of opposing strength of arms. But today the world is witnessing a strange turn of affairs. It is now a conflict of ideologies moreso than a sudden upsurge of physical battles. A fight is on for the minds of men rather than the direct approach of conquering him bodily. Because of this new approach, the pendulum of interest has swung over to the pliable minds of youth. To get their minds — to indoctrinate and hold them in sway with some captivating idealism — is the artful plan and endeavor of varied forces to make the masses ready tools for the leaders to wield.

All over the world, in the last generation, we have seen youth on the march. Long before the last World War broke out there were countless columns of brown-shirted, black-shirted, or any-colored-shirted boys and girls marching to martial music throughout many countries in Europe and Asia. They were being schooled and trained in the ideology of hate and barbarity. It was on the bodies of these masses that the great war machines rolled into action.

Naziism, Fascism and Communism all have made their bid for the young folk. Either through subtle teaching, flattery, or coercion they take them

over to use for their own evil intention. We have read in reliable news reports of *Time*, *Life*, and *Readers Digest* magazines where the Communists sweeping over the northern borders of Greece a few years back, when they were attempting to take over the Balkan countries, and had taken between three and four hundred thousand young children away from their homes as captives. No response returns to the appeal of the parents, or the Grecian government, or of the United Nations. They have been swallowed up behind the Iron Curtain to be heard of no more until — until when? Until the Communists have reared them under their bias and hatred, and then returned them home to destroy the land of their fathers.

There are forces in other walks of life which are just as destructive to body and soul as the above mentioned evil powers, and these are militantly appealing to youth. These function of the moral and spiritual levels. The influences of liquor, gambling, tobacco, and moral vices lay their most luring snares in the paths of youth. (You do not see much offered to oldsters anymore.) To make a steady flow for their wares, and also their profits, these nefarious and vicious evils go all out after the young men and girls of our land. The gods of war and the gods of worldly pleasure make their steady appeal to youth so persistently until they are almost dazed with the rush of things that are being thrust upon them for decisions to accept or reject.

But there is another appeal being made to young lives, to their minds, souls, and bodies. Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, but also the Lord of glory and Captain of the hosts of heaven, is appealing for their lives and interests for His service. He is challenging all, but especially youth, to turn from the appealing snares of evil and destruction and to link their wills and lives with Him—to remember their Creator now, and pledge Him full allegiance. When once this call is properly understood and followed there will be more thrills than thought possible, and



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these will outrank the hardships endured in fulfilling the challenge.

What a difference there is in the nature of the motives and purposes of these contrasting appeals. The worldly forces seek to grasp the minds and souls of men to ensnare, poison and destroy; to enslave the body to their own selfish ends. But Jesus calls for youth that He might loosen and free their minds from fears, doubts, and disturbing frustrations so common with many; that He might loosen their bodies from chains of habits and bonds of passions that hold and destroy them. The world calls for their best, and then after it has no further use of them, casts them off to die. But Jesus calls them to life, more abundant life. He honors them by giving them a place of service in His Kingdom; to be a worker together with Him. After their lives have been spent in His service He has it so planned that only then will the best of His provision begin.

Young folk, nowhere in the universe can you find a challenge to your life equal to the call of God! Many youths are on the march to war, on land, on sea, or in the air. Many are on the march to the shrine of the god of pleasure and vice. But many are on the march for King Emmanuel! You are also marching! With which are you marching? With Christ or the world? Some one has your allegiance. Make sure it is the right One.

Superintendent's Annual Message to

Through another eventful year you, the ministers and people of our Northern California-Nevada District, have been the occasion of much joy and satisfaction together with about the usual sprinkle of tears and an occasional temptation to faint under feelings of inadequacy. But altogether it has been a good year and your Superintendent now, as always, entertains a keen sense of justifiable pride in this good District.

I shall make no defense of the Administration at headquarters other than to say that the brethren appointed by you to this ministry have acted in all good conscience and without partiality in their efforts to promote the common cause and to guard the great principles and purposes that lie at the foundation and the heart of fellowship and effective united action. To have been your servants for Jesus' sake has been an honor and a privilege.

The year that is now history has brought a range of human experience hitherto unknown in our District. "Sometimes in the sunshine, Sometimes in the shadow" has been translated into our symphony of life with both major and minor strains predominating at times through the medley. Extremes of prosperity or adversity are always fraught with danger, but men of faith and patience can find balance and profit in all the changing vicissitudes of life. The song of the saints has always been arranged with variations. Perhaps we see in the life of Paul the clearest example of the extremes that can come in the providence of God to pilgrims in their journey. The best in Heaven's benediction — the worst in the world's maltreatment and neglect. He was not a man of the plains. He was either scaling the mountain peaks or treading the valleys and having reached the heights in glorious spiritual revelation and plumbed the depths in the vale of human suffering, he came through with this heartening bit of theology: "All things work together for good to them that love God." Yes, my friends, through believing prayer and unquestioning confidence we can and will out-ride every storm.

We are only a few weeks removed from the tragic flood waters that left desolation and tumbled ruins where prosperity and tranquillity had been

dwelling together under what proved to be an artificial sense of security. The change was quick and tragic and the ugly scars still remain. The property loss was heavy, some families having lost all their earthly possessions. Your Superintendent is vainly groping for words to express our collective concern for those of our Communion who were caught in this unparalleled holocaust of rampaging waters.



W. T. Gaston, Superintendent of Northern California-Nevada District.

In the early hours of this dark period the Red Cross gave out repeated requests that makeshift relief in the form of used clothing and furniture be discontinued, assuring the public that new clothing, furniture, and even homes, damaged or destroyed would be freely provided by this our National disaster relief organization. This, after all, is their special function. The necessary machinery and funds are kept in readiness for such times. I hasten to say here that they are doing a wonderful job. Some half million dollars has been distributed already to victims in the Santa Cruz area alone.

There are, of course, no provisions made for relieving the losses sustained in the investment field. Some of our most valued and most enterprising fellow believers have suffered the greatest losses. We, of course, are aware that families in this category would be most unwilling to accept public assistance, but I am taking time in this conference to assure these friends of Christ and His Church that

none of their real and intrinsic value to the Cause has been lost. They are precious and needed now as always. May the Lord give to each of them added grace and in His own good time even as to faithful, patient Job, give them twice as much as before.

When the reports are all in your hearts will be encouraged with the upward trend in all the facets of our cooperative enterprise: more churches — more people — more church workers training for more effective service — more cooperation in the work at home and abroad. If financial cooperation among the ministers of the District is any barometer of our growth in grace and spiritual understanding, then we seem to be on our way to better days. Our Secretary-Treasurer's report will show that we have reached an alltime high in District support. For this evidence of genuine interest and confidence, may I express the humble thanks of your brethren who wrestle with administrative problems throughout the year. I would linger here long enough to register continuing concern for an ever-diminishing number who are still just outside the door of this ever-present opportunity to share in the mundane aspects of our growing, spiritual contribution to home and foreign service. That our spiritual fellowship has been blessed of God with a generous measure of prosperity is too apparent to warrant emphasis. Perhaps there are stragglers here and there, who looking through dark glasses, continue to preach gloom and doom; however, I never lose patience, knowing so well that they verily think they are doing God's service.

In World Missions we have had our greatest year — almost a quarter of a million dollars for the foreign outreach of our church. We can and will do still better this year. The challenge of the home field has not moved us deeply. I am hoping for a new upsurge of the Pioneer spirit in this conference that will kindle the vision to move outward and forward from many centers in many directions.

Bethany Bible College is bigger and better this year. Our honored faculty and promising student body are a great source of inspiration to those who are privileged to observe them as they work and pray together under the manifest blessing of God. It is imperative that we stand loyally

the District Council

by with sufficient financial strength to enable this Christ-centered training school to function with efficiency and dignity. There is but one way to justify our efforts in this field, and that is to keep abreast of the times and offer a program that is fully as good as the best.

A realistic picture of our General Council advance throughout the States would send us to our knees in joyful, tearful thanksgiving. Over a period of five years we have had an increase in churches of 24 per cent; in ordained ministers, 29 per cent; in church members, 45 per cent; and in missionary giving, 59 per cent. Transportation and communication advances have given wings to the Gospel Chariot and the time is not far distant when people in every part of the world will be hearing the Full Gospel message.

As we rejoice in the rapid advance of the Pentecostal testimony in these days, we should pause occasionally to allow our past to instruct us for the future. We shall always need the heroic faith of the trail blazers, the plodding devotion that laid secure foundations the hard, tedious way, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit that gave boldness and radiance to men of "no might" and the pure, spiritual ecstasy that made the things of this world seem cheap and tawdry. If we would not disappoint a confused and sorrowing world to whom we are Christ's Ambassadors, we must hold fast to the fullness and simplicity of our Heaven-sent, spirit-anointed, gospel and testimony. This does not refer to fixed shades of doctrine or to stereotyped methods but to the great undergirding truths and precedents that have made us what we are. Let us not be deterred from bringing to an age that is surfeited with natural religion a balanced emphasis of the supernatural because there are those in our day who not only preach the wonders in the realm of faith but exploit them and sow down the field with question marks. So friends and fellows in a cause that means more than life, let us go on with fixed determination to stick to the old paths of prayer and selfless toil for the furtherance of the Full Gospel testimony throughout the world.

It is not enough earnestly to contend for the personal experience patterns found in the New Testament,

we should also insist upon the behaviour pattern clearly outlined in the same Book. We are talking about ourselves here and the subject is not too interesting, yet we are in full agreement that we owe to the world and to every single part of it where we have established centers or churches, the highest example of peaceful co-existence among ourselves. A practical demonstration that the power we talk about is love — infinite love that can take divergent elements and so fuse them together in one body that living and serving in the collective unit can be delightful and beautiful.

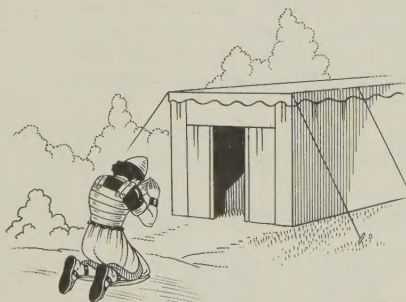
Christian fellowship, whether on the local, district, or national level,

JOSHUA

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attending a man of God and coming directly and boldly into the presence of God Himself, and remaining long in that presence. This is the picture of the foundation of a life of service and victory. Humility and subordination are essential prerequisites to successful Christian service.

A tree must have a good root area under ground, not only to draw moisture from the soil, but to provide anchorage against the windy day. Let no man imagine there will be no winds. They *shall* beat upon that house, whether built on the sand or the rock. Pride is the most subtle and destructive of all the enemies of the human soul. It was the weapon that felled Lucifer, son of the morning. There is no pride, so subtle and destructive as spiritual pride. Success in the ministry and in Christian service will lay one open to attack by spiritual pride. And that life and experience is sure to fall that is not grounded deep in humility and subordination to others. Joshua started right.



The next Bible glimpse of Joshua was also to his credit. Exodus 33:11

when truly normal is a joy forever — a fragile flower, not necessarily tropical in nature but too delicate to thrive in a climate colder than the temperate zone. Now may I attempt to further emphasize the above remarks by suggesting a goal toward which, in my opinion, we could safely cooperate and lend all our ransomed powers? Surely we can unite to build churches, Pentecostal churches where the gifts and fruits of the Spirit may grow together in balance and symmetry with vision to grow outward while keeping healthy and strong in an atmosphere that is pleasant, attractive, and truly Christian.

Now I leave you with a note of praise to God and a vote of appreciation to the brotherhood for all the successes of your collective efforts. We have run well but the course stretches before us. If we faint not, we shall soon see the lights of home.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle." God was in the tabernacle and had talked there face to face with Moses. So Joshua departed not out of the tabernacle, the house of God. This also speaks volumes. "One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple." Psalm 27:4. It is instinctive to the human heart to seek God in His house. Joshua's departing not from the tabernacle indicated his love for the Lord, his desire to linger in His presence. How beautiful and becoming of a child of God! Notice, this is the kind of a man whom God chose to lead his people. If you might think that God's choice of Joshua was arbitrary, don't forget the reason for God's call. The initiative was the young man's, himself, first of all. He chose God! Not only faithfulness in prayer, but sheer joy in the presence of the Lord! Even when Moses went out, Joshua went not out, for his pleasure was in the presence of the Lord, not merely the presence of Moses.

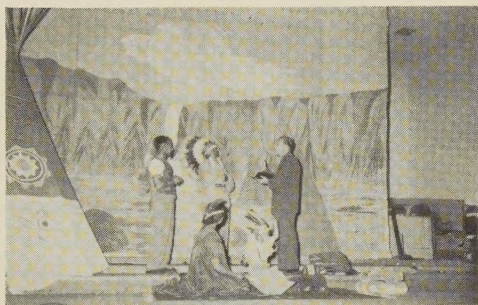
But Joshua was not yet fully mature. He was full of zeal, sometimes mistaken zeal. When God took the Spirit that was on Moses and put it upon the 70 elders, two of the number remained in the camp and prophesied there. "And Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of

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SECOND ANNUAL

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Host Pastor Clyde A. Henson welcomes you to the 2nd Annual Indian Fellowship of the Assemblies of God at Bethel Temple in Sacramento, March 28, 29, 30.

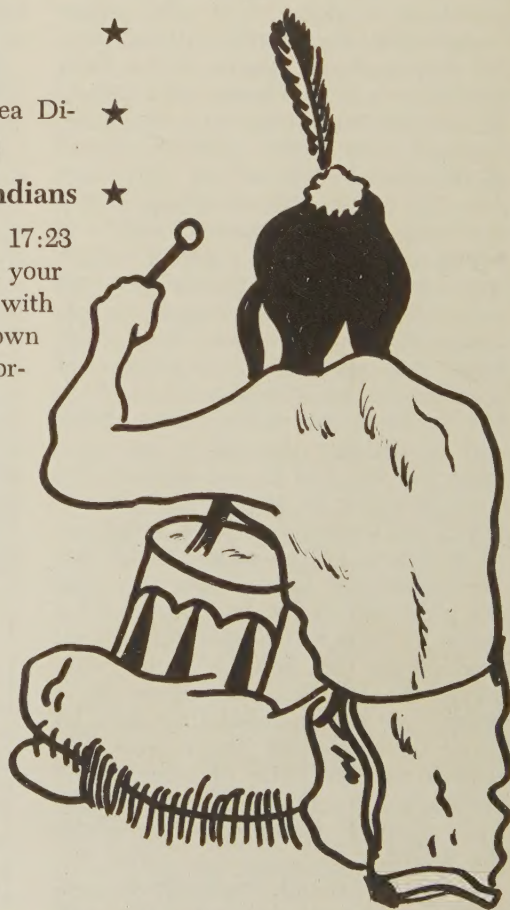
Missionaries from six states and representatives from 31 tribes made up more than 800 delegates at last year's convention. Perhaps the most important result of the gathering was seeing talented, educated Indians dedicate their lives to work among their own people. Special emphasis on television and in the services will be laid on helping Luther Cayton and another missionary working in Nevada.

Come believing and praying that the 2nd Annual Indian Fellowship will be a great blessing to the Northern California-Nevada District and all of the surrounding states.

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his young men, answered and said, My lord, Moses, forbid them." Numbers 11:29. And Moses mildly rebuked him, "Enviest thou for my sake? Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them." "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. . . Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Hebrews 12:5, 11. To err is not to be disqualified; we are simply learning. To submit to the chastening of the Lord is all that is required to learn and to grow in grace. Joshua was in the process; not yet ready for the full weight of responsibility which later was to rest upon him.

He passed his next test with flying colors. He was chosen as one of the twelve spies and brought back a good report. He wholly followed the Lord. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him." Numbers 27:18. "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the children of Israel hearkened unto him and did as the Lord commanded Moses." Deut. 34:9. Here is special endowment of power from on high. Christ, Himself, bowed his head to receive the Holy Ghost and all His followers must

humble themselves to receive the anointing from on high. Upon this sanctified, humble, subordinate, God-loving and God-seeking life, there descended power from above.

What a beautiful sequence! What a wonderful and clear pattern! Candidates for God's work, be humble, be yielded to your brethren, press in to where God Himself is! Learn to find His presence and to love that presence. Take time (Joshua was forty years in training) to let God burn out the dross of mistaken zeal and ideas, humbly wait before him, receive the imposition of the hands of your brethren and the impartation from God of the wisdom and power that you need. You will be ready, in God's providence, then to go forth in His Name and in His power.

"Now after the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people . . . As I was with Moses so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Joshua 1:1-5. Joshua was ready. He had

humbled himself to be a servant. He had served as personal attendant to another man. He loved the Lord and lingered in His presence. He wholly followed the Lord. He bowed to receive the ordination of his brethren. He received wisdom from God in preparation for his own ministry.



The hour came for his being called to the leadership of his people. He was what we would call a layman. He was an administrator-soldier. No utterances are recorded from his lips other than military commands and comments related thereto. Yet mighty miracles attended his march. The Jordan rolled back, the walls of Jericho fell flat. Hailstones fell from heaven on his enemies, and the sun and the moon stood still at his God-inspired command. The foundation upon which Joshua's character had been built stood the test. With the one little set-back by the ruse of the Gibeonites (something he still needed to learn after his exaltation—and there will always be things God's workers can still learn), Joshua marched on triumphantly. The Captain of the Lord's host was with him from victory to victory. It will always be thus with those who begin right; start low, proceed slowly and carefully, seek God and His presence above everything, and let him do the exalting in due time.



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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

The C. A. Honor Roll

In the month of February the C. A. Department sent each pastor in the district a C. A. PLEDGE SHEET to give to his C. A. officers. The purpose of the pledge sheet is to give each C. A. group the opportunity to pledge to the district C. A. office some given amount of support for the coming year. The sheet was to be filled out and returned to the C. A. office. Below is a list of the churches who have responded to date. Since there are more sheets returning every day, another complete list will be published in next month's Glad Tidings. Check this list and if your name doesn't appear, ask your pastor to send in your pledge at once so that your group will be on the next honor roll. The total amount of money pledged to date for monthly support is \$87.00. In addition to this, several groups have pledged a monthly offering or the tithes from their monthly offerings.

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FRUITLAND.

C. A. Chit-Chat

In this, the first week of March, let's take a minute, and see what some of our groups have been doing in the past month.

Our first report is from LIVE OAK, where C. A. Reporter Vivian Pondes tells of a recent election. The new officers are: President, Billy Vaughn; Vice President, James McBride; Secretary, Shirley McFarland; Treasurer, Truman Wilson; and the reporter is Vivian Pondes. We trust that these officers will be a real blessing to the group.

The C. A.'s in LINCOLN recently had an installation service, with our District Superintendent Rev. W. T.

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RECENT C. A. NEWS IN PICTURES: 1) D-CAP Walt Boring joyfully congratulates Pastor Gerald Fisher of the North Vallejo Assembly of God church for their outstanding work for Speed-the-Light in 1955. This splendid group placed first in the nation for total giving and also for per capita giving. Our great hope is that many groups will distinguish themselves in 1956 in giving to Speed-the Light, the Christ's Ambassadors missionary endeavor. 2) January the 18th was an important day for the Red Bluff C. A.'s, for this was the day when they were set in order by D-CAP Walt Boring. Even though this fine group has long been organized and active in C. A. programs they had never yet been officially recognized by the national office. We welcome this progressive group into our fellowship as full-fledged members. The pastor is Rev. James Benny. 3) The new C. A. officers of the Madera First Assembly of God. Front row: Ted Grider, president; Rev. Lawrence Wood, pastor; Bula Hindman, secretary; Betty Ann Steele, treasurer. Back row: Larry Wolf, reporter; Ray Watts, social chairman; and David Steele, co-social chairman. 4) "Mr. Revivaltime." C. M. Ward speaking at the Four Sectional C. A. Rally held in Oakland on January 30. The Sponsoring Sections were: North Bay, East Bay, Contra Costa, and Peninsula. It is estimated that over 3,000 people were in attendance. 5) Ed Cole, chairman and master of ceremonies presiding at the rally. 6) The Gridley C. A.'s are two-time winners in their sectional banner contests. In the picture is D-CAP Walt Boring presenting both the plaque and the trophy to Sis. Robinson, C. A. President, and Pastor Hazen Chester. Walt Boring was acting in behalf of Sectional Chairman Bob Robertson who was unable to attend the service. The C. A. Department salutes such hard working groups as these. 7) A hilariously wonderful time

was held February 4th by a large group of young people from Santa Rosa, North Vallejo, Dixon, Napa, and Grass Valley churches when they bundled up and took a trip to the high Sierras. After a day of snow balls and toboggans, they all met at the Grass Valley church for a time of devotions and a delicious dinner of meat balls and spaghetti. In spite of being cold, wet, and tired, a number of young people stood up during the prayer service and requested that the others pray that they might be saved. We thank God that young people do not have to forsake the important spiritual things even on days of great festivities. 8) The Bethany Bible College choir at the Oakland Four Sectional Rally presenting the skit "But For the Grace of God." The friends who gathered for the rally responded wonderfully to the needs of B. B. C. and over \$2,200 was given or pledged to expand the College library. 9) Also at the Oakland Rally: C. M. Ward presents Sectional Chairman Gerald Fischer (Chairman of North Bay) with the plaque for earning the most points at the rally. Standing between them is Sectional Chairman Don Sheley, of East Bay. 10) D-CAP Walt Boring poses with Pastor Doug Fairington and wife along with the new officers of the Grass Valley C. A.'s. The occasion was a banquet and installation of the new officers. The banquet was held in the famous Bret Harte Hotel. 11) January 15th was YOUTH DAY at the Escalon Assembly of God church. Features for the day were: a special youth class of all C. A.'s during the Sunday school hour, special music provided by the C. A.'s in both morning and evening services, a musicale just before the evening service, and a special C. A. service in the evening which was concluded with light refreshments. D-CAP Walt Boring was guest speaker. The picture shows a C. A. helping Pastor Adrian Benning to a healthy bite of cake.